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Expedited Procedure

Examining Group 1771

Our Case No. 659/1483 (K-C 14747)

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Tsai

Application No. 09/474,634

Filing Date: December 29, 1999

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### RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003, for which Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks: